

(1) Opening remarks by the Executive Director (Capt. Eldridge) and chairman (Tim Leitzell).

(2) Approval of the May 15, 1997 minutes.

(3) Report from the Waterways Subcommittee.

(4) Report from the Navigation Subcommittee.

(5) Status reports on Committee membership, VTS rules deviations, Galveston anchorages, Bayport Tunnel removal, Army Corps of Engineers' dredging projects, and comments and discussions from the floor.

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Dated: August 4, 1997.

T.W. Josiah,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Receipt of Amendment to Approved Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Review for Greater Pittsburgh International Airport, Pittsburgh, PA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces that it is reviewing a proposed amendment to the approved noise compatibility program that was submitted for Greater Pittsburgh International Airport under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-193) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and 14 CFR Part 150 by the Allegheny County Department of Aviation (ACDA). This program was submitted subsequent to a determination by the FAA that the associated noise exposure maps submitted under CFR Part 150 for Greater Pittsburgh International Airport were in compliance with applicable requirements effective December 10,

1992. The Noise Compatibility Program for Greater Pittsburgh International Airport was approved by the FAA on June 8, 1993. The proposed amendment to the approved noise compatibility program will be approved or disapproved on or before February 13, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the start of FAA's review of the noise compatibility program is August 13, 1997. The public comment periods ends September 13, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Squeglia, Environmental Protection Specialist, AEA-610, Planning and Programming Branch, Eastern Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Building, JFK International Airport, Jamaica, New York 11430. Telephone 718 553-3325. Comments on the proposed noise compatibility program should also be submitted to the above office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA is reviewing a proposed amendment to the approved noise compatibility program for Greater Pittsburgh International Airport which will be approved or disapproved on or before February 13, 1998. This notice also announces the availability of this program for public review and comment. The proposed amendment to the sole remedial land use measure included in the approved noise compatibility program (a voluntary sound insulation program) is to allow persons willing to convey an aerial easement to the County to elect either to participate in the sound insulation program or receive cash compensation. The amendment also will eliminate the requirement that participants in the program be non-litigants. Litigants will then be permitted to participate in the program and receive sound insulation or cash compensation and related fees in exchange for the conveyance of an aerial easement.

An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

The FAA has formally received the proposed amendment to the approved noise compatibility program for Greater Pittsburgh International Airport,

effective on August 13, 1997. It was requested that the FAA review this material and that the noise mitigation measures to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as a noise compatibility program under section 104(b) of the Act. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before February 13, 1998.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 150, section 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety, create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, or be reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing noncompatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program with specific reference to these factors. All comments, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities, will be considered by the FAA to the extent practicable. Copies of the proposed amendment, the FAA's evaluation of the data presented, and its effect on the approved noise compatibility program are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,
National Headquarters, 800
Independence Avenue SW., Room
617, Washington, DC 20591

Federal Aviation Administration,
Eastern Region Office, AEA-610
Federal Building, JFK International
Airport, Jamaica, NY 11430

Mr. Gary L. Bishop, Director, Allegheny
County Department of Aviation,
Pittsburgh International Airport,
Pittsburgh, PA 15231-0370

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Jamaica, New York, on August 13, 1997.

Harvey DeGraw,

Acting Manager, Airports Division, Eastern Region, AEA-600.

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